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April 27, 2010 - A new Emergency Operations Center (EOC) opens in Hendry County! The new facility is located approximately 5 miles west of downtown La Belle off of State Road 80.



The ribbon cutting ceremony for the much needed new building was held at 3:30 PM EDT on April 27th. The Hendry County Emergency Management team and county officials were present for the ceremony. Tours of the facility were provided by the emergency managers.

The National Weather Service (NWS) partners with emergency managers, especially during severe weather and the hurricane season. Both have the primary goal of protecting life and property.

Dan Gregoria, a Senior Forecaster at NWS Miami, was in attendance for the unveiling of this new EOC. He was “very excited to be a part of this grand opening” and stated that “the operations room is state of the art! It will better equip them to optimize coordination efforts during disasters.”



There is also a helicopter pad on site along with a communications tower which stands at approximately 200 feet. Both the tower and the new building were built to withstand a category 5 hurricane so that operations can run smoothly...even in the strongest of storms.

